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In re application of: Jongho Lee et al.

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AND METHOD OF MANUFACTURING THE SAME

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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Prior to examination, please amend the application as follows:

IN THE SPECIFICATION

Replace the paragraphs as follows:

On page 9, lines 15-24

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According to one aspect of the present invention, a crystallization temperature can be increased forming the high-k dielectric layer 14 comprising one or more pairs of, alternating first layer 18 formed, for example, of HfO_2 , Ta_2O_3 , Y_2O_3 or ZrO_2 and second layer 22 formed, for example, of Al_2O_3 as illustrated in FIGS. 1B, 1C, and 2.

Preferably, the thicknesses of the first and second layers 18, 20 are in the range of approximately 2 to approximately 60 angstroms (critical thickness). More preferably, the thicknesses of the first and second layers are approximately 10 and 5 angstroms, respectively. It is contemplated that if the thicknesses of the first and second layers 18, 20 are within this range, the crystallization temperature can be increased as compared to a bulk dielectric layer.

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